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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04062001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) ✓
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gupta et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6, 763, 384). As per claim 1, Gupta et al. discloses a method of connecting an external client to an internal computer resource through a network firewall by tunneling, in which the client side of the tunnel comprises an applet running in a window of a web browser in Figures 2 and 5, Column 5, lines 36-45, 60-65, Column 9, lines 55-67, Column 10, lines 1-45.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gupta et al. in view of Elgamal et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,825,890). Gupta et al. discloses communication through a network firewall from an external client to an internal

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computer resource by tunneling. However, Gupta et al. fails to disclose the feature of encrypting the data and formatting it in a way that is compatible with HTTP tunneling protocols. Elgamal discloses a method of sending non-HTTP compatible data through a network firewall from an external client to an internal computer resource by tunneling, including encrypting the data and formatting it in a way that is compatible with HTTP tunneling protocols in Figures 11 and 12, Column 7, lines 34-40, Column 12, lines 49-67, Column 13, lines 61-67, Column 14, lines 1-67, Column 15, lines 1-67, and Column 16, lines 1-51. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Gupta et al's network communications between a client and a server by combining Elgamal's secure socket layer method. Motivation for such an implementation would enable the external client to communicate to a variety of application programs over the Internet, increasing a need for security mechanisms that can work with many different types of applications such as Telnet, FTP, and NTTP (non-HTTP protocols). This will enable the external client the ability to access a variety of different types of information via the Internet from a variety of different server applications. (See Elgamal, Column 1, lines 46-56)

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Weinstein et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6, 094, 485) discloses an SSL step-up which allows a client to communicate with a server using strong encryption.

Crichton et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6, 104, 716) discloses a secure communication tunneling approach over the Internet.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Courtney D. Fields whose telephone number is 571-272-3871. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Wed. 6:00 - 6:00 pm; Thur. 6:00 - 10 am.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Caldwell can be reached on 571-272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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